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Grand Canyon National Park celebrates National Public Lands Day by waiving fees into the park

Grand Canyon, Ariz. – Saturday, September 30, 2006, is the thirteenth annual *National Public Lands Day* (NPLD). NPLD is an annual event that provides opportunities for the public to participate in volunteer projects that accomplish much needed work on public lands. NPLD is organized by the National Environmental Education & Training Foundation supported by nine federal land management agencies, and sponsored by Toyota and other businesses.

In recognition of NPLD, entrance fees and commercial tour fees will be waived at Grand Canyon National Park. Recreation “user fees” such as backcountry permit fees, camping fees, and fees for other activities offered in the parks will not be waived.

During National Public Lands Day 2005, nearly 90,000 volunteers built trails and bridges, planted trees and plants, removed trash and invasive plants, as well as numerous other projects.

Since NPLD is a fee free day for all visitors, organizers wanted to provide that same benefit to people who volunteer and help care for their public lands. Coupons will be issued to those volunteers participating in events on NPLD, so they can enjoy their fee free day at another time. The coupons are valid for one year.

Free entry passes issued at Grand Canyon on NPLD to commercial tour operators will be valid only for that individual tour. Free entry passes issued to single visit entries issued on NPLD will be valid for seven days on both the North and South Rims of Grand Canyon, so visitors are reminded to hold on to their receipts.

The National Park Service is proud to take part in this coordinated Federal recreation effort and would like to extend a warm welcome to all visitors in recognition of NPLD. For more information on NPLD, go to <http://www.publiclandsday.org/>.

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